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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Definition of modeling rules can be found in Appendix 1: Modeling Rules and Guidelines. A full listing of VDL syntax can be found in Appendix 2: Visual Design Language Syntax Summary. Some key VDL syntax is listed below in order for the casual reader of this document to be able to understand the Strategic IT Planning VDL workflow model presented in FIGURE 44.

- Q ♦ d **Input/Output** - represent patterns and nouns or objects that either are used as information or a component that is used to produce other components through the execution of an operation or process. An example is raw materials or information. The result of the acted on input by the process is the output.
- Q ♦ d **Process** - a set of activities that use clearly identified input(s) to produce clearly identified output(s). A process flow is the full description of the elements that define the process activities. A process maybe completely described on a single diagram or complex enough that several layered diagrams will be required to represent it.
- Q ♦ d **Operation or execution scenario** - is a logically related set of a process's activities that uses clearly identified input(s) to produce clearly identified output(s).
- Q ♦ d **Pattern** - a shared set of relationships between an aggregation of elements. Elements can be anything in any combination – people, pieces of paper, food, character traits, behaviors, other patterns, relationships, or anything else we can identify.
- Q ♦ d **Noun or object** – a noun is more than just a person, place, or thing. It may also be a concept, class, or category.
- Q ♦ d **Attribute** - describes some feature or quality about an element. Concrete attributes are things like color, size, state, status and other “objective” statements. Induced attributes are in the eye of the beholder. Things like quality and a good place to work fall into that category.
- Q ♦ d **Verb** - a kind of relationship between nouns or noun-like elements that involves action. VDL has a rich set of verbs and graphical ways to represent them. The symbol shown here is the Create verb.